Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

Listing of Claims:

- (currently amended) A heat-shrink tube for an electrical power cable comprising:
 a sleeve having an electrically insulating, elastomeric inner layer, an electrically conductive outer layer, and between the inner and outer layers a thermoplastic mid-layer which is softenable by application of heat to the sleeve to permit dimensional recovery thereof, the sleeve being of tubular, one-piece construction, the thermoplastic mid-layer being sufficiently rigid to retain the electrically insulating inner layer in a radially expanded state prior to recovery and the outer layer and whereby the thermoplastic mid-layer supporting supports the electrically insulating inner layer, and the outer layer having a thickness less than 50% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.
- (canceled) The heat shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the electrically
 insulating inner layer is comprised of an elastomeric material.
- (canceled) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic mid-layer is sufficiently rigid to retain the electrically insulating inner layer in a radially expanded state prior to recovery.
- (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic mid-layer comprises an electrically insulating layer.
- (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is an extruded sleeve

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- (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is a molded sleeve.
- (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the outer layer has a thickness less than 25% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.
- (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the outer layer has a thickness less than 12.5% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.

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